Before the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance

In the matter of: Bobby K. Bryant 125 Elford Grove Road Jonesville, South Carolina 29353-3403. SCDOI/ File # 2002-113456.

Default Order Revoking Resident Insurance Agent's License

This matter comes before me pursuant to a Letter of Allegation and Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing served, as required within S.C. Code Ann. § 38-3-170 (Supp. 2000), by the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance upon Bobby K. Bryant by both certified mail, return receipt requested and by regular mail, on September 27, 2002.

By that letter, Bobby K. Bryant was informed of his right to request a public hearing upon the allegations of impropriety contained within the letter against him. Further, he was warned that his failure to make a timely, written request would result in my summary revocation of his license to do business as a resident insurance agent within the State of South Carolina. Despite that warning, Mr. Bryant has failed to respond to the Department's letter. He also has failed to provide the Department with a current address in violation of S.C. Code Ann. § 38-43-107 (1989), and the United States Postal Service returned as undeliverable the letter sent by the Department. On November 6, 2002, therefore, counsel for the Department filed an Affidavit of Default, and the entire matter was submitted directly to me for my summary decision based solely on the record.

The letter alleged, and I now find as fact, that while licensed to do business as a resident insurance agent within the State of South Carolina, Bobby K. Bryant was convicted by the South Carolina Circuit Court of General Sessions, Spartanburg County, of the crime of "Breach of Trust with Fraudulent Intent/more than \$5,000", on or about April 5, 2002," in The State v. Bobby K. Bryant/ Criminal Docket Numbers 2000GS4201873.

S.C. Code Ann. § 38-43-130 (Supp. 2000) provides: "The director or his designee may revoke or suspend an agent's license after ten day's notice...when it appears that an agent has been convicted of a crime of moral involving moral turpitude...." The crime of Breach of Trust with Fraudulent Intent involves moral turpitude. <u>In re Derrick</u>, 301 S.C. 367, 392 S.E.2d 180 (1990).

In accordance with my findings of fact, and considering Mr. Bryant's failure to avail himself of his opportunity to be heard, I now conclude, as a matter of law, that Bobby K. Bryant was convicted of a crime of moral turpitude, and that his resident insurance agent license should be revoked.

This administrative disciplinary order is a public record subject to the disclosure requirements of the State of South Carolina's *Freedom of Information Act*, S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-40-10, *et seq.* (1991 and Supp. 2000). Nothing contained within this administrative disciplinary order should be construed to limit or to deprive any person of any private right of action under the law. Nothing contained within this administrative disciplinary order should be construed to limit, in any manner, the criminal jurisdiction of any law enforcement or judicial officer. Nothing contained within this administrative disciplinary order should be construed to limit the statutory duty, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 38-3-110 (4) (Supp. 2000), of the Director of Insurance, exercised either directly or through the Department of Insurance, to "report to the Attorney General or other appropriate law enforcement officials criminal violations of the law relative to the business of insurance or the provisions of this title which he considers necessary to report."

It is therefore ordered that Bobby K. Bryant's license to transact business as a resident insurance agent within the State of South Carolina be, and is hereby, revoked, and that no license, issued through the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance is to be issued to him.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order be transmitted to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners for distribution to its current member states and to each insurer for which Bobby Bryant is currently licensed, through the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance, as a resident insurance agent within the State of South Carolina.

This order takes effect upon the date of my signature below.

Ernst N. Csiszar

Director

6 November 2002, at Columbia, South Carolina

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Affidavit of Default

Personally appeared before me T. Douglas Concannon, who, being duly sworn, stated that at all times relevant to this Affidavit of Default he was an attorney representing the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance in this administrative action. He further stated the following:

The Department served notice on Bobby K. Bryant at the address detailed above by a Letter of Allegation and Notice of Opportunity for a Public Hearing that the Department would request the Director of Insurance to summarily revoke his license to act as a resident insurance agent within the State of South Carolina in thirty days. The Department served the Notice, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 38-3-170 (2002), by "depositing it in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the last known address of the person and registered with the return receipt requested." That Notice further informed Mr. Bryant of his opportunity, within thirty days, to request in writing a public hearing.

The United States Postal Service effected service of the Notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail, on or about September 10, 2002, and again on September 27, 2002. The United States Postal Service notified Bobby Bryant of the certified letter on October 19, 2002. See "Exhibit A" attached. The United States Post Office at Jonesville, SC Mr. Bryant has made no request for a public hearing or any other response to the Notice. The time in which to do so has expired. He is now in default.

T. Douglas Concannon Associate General Counsel

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th. day of November, 2002.

Steven R. DuBois

Notary Public for the State of South Carolina My Commission Expires May 10, 2009 South Carolina Department of Insurance Post Office Box 100105

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